

Safety Rules for Other Power-Driven Mobility Device Use on Columbia Parks and Recreation Areas and Property

The following guidelines apply to Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD) used on Department areas.

1. No person shall operate an OPDMD upon a city trail at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent, under conditions then existing. The operating speed of an OPDMD shall not exceed that of typical walking speed (3 – 4 mph), based upon particular existing environmental conditions.
2. OPDMD operators must yield to pedestrian traffic.
3. Every person operating an OPDMD upon a city trail shall ride as near to the right side of the trail as practicable, exercising due care when passing a pedestrian or cyclist.
4. Persons operating an OPDMD upon a city trail share ride single file when passing a pedestrian or another cyclist.
5. Every person operating an OPDMD upon a city trail shall give an audible signal before passing a pedestrian or another cyclist.
6. Every person operating an OPDMD upon a city trail shall at all times exercise the highest degree of care to avoid colliding with another trail user.
7. The use of an OPDMD is limited to the person(s) providing credible assurance of disability. OPDMDs may not be used to transport non-disabled passengers.
8. The OPDMD should have a turning radius small enough to prevent damage to the trail and adjacent natural and cultural resources.
9. Any person found to be causing damage to cultural or natural resources on conservation areas may have their privileges revoked.
10. OPDMDs may not be used on trails and undeveloped areas that do not support the length, width, and weight of the particular device due to natural features and topography. OPDMD users are encouraged to contact the area managers if there are any questions regarding natural features and topography of specific areas.
11. Individuals with mobility disabilities using OPDMD on Department areas as described here use those areas at their own risk. The Department makes no claims that Department trails are designed, maintained, or managed for any mobility device. Permitted use does not infer that trails meet standards in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act unless they are so designated.

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